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## EDUCATION IS THE THEME.

sweat of their brows; that they are no longer the wards of the nation, but having been given the right of suffrage they must accept the responsibilities of citizenship and help to bear the burdens of the government.

Fortunately for them, there were at first a few colored men in the country who were educated and who had proven the eligibility of Negroes to these estates.

As citizens, soldiers and sailors may have acquitted themselves right nobly and have won the confidence and respect of the unprejudiced world.

All white men are not equal morally or mentally. It would be unfair to lay an embargo upon the whole white race because of the criminals who have disgraced it.

It is equally unfair to exclude all Negroes from the recognition accorded honorable educated men because of their color and the misfortunes or crimes of their progenitors.

Under their present status, no matter how distinguished a scholar, how upright a man, or how unmistakable the strain of good blood in his veins, every man with a colored skin is under the ban of ostracism.

## EDUCATION THE SAVING GRACE.

Nothing short of a more general industrial and intellectual education of both white and black natives will serve to remove race prejudice and give an end to the Negro's unfairness and the recognition to which they are entitled at least in individual cases.

As the leading Christian nation, and a missionary people who have carried our efforts for the betterment of mankind to the Orient and the islands of the seas, we can ill afford to continue a war upon our own citizens, whose only crime is that they are the descendants of slaves.

We receive the representatives of all countries on the globe with cordiality, and the President is expected to extend the hospitality of the White House to them.

I have in mind an instance when a colored man representing a very small kingdom was elaborately entertained by one of our most illustrious Presidents, Congress and all official Washington being invited to meet his kingdom.

## A PRESIDENT'S REBUKE.

The same President included the Hon. Frederick Douglass in his invitation to dine, with others of the San Domingo Commission, thereby administering a rebuke to the officers of the little ill-kept steamer then used on the Potomac to connect the railroad with Washington, who refused to allow Mr. Douglass to dine in the first cabin with the Commission as they were returning from their mission.

Fastidious President Arthur invited Mrs. B. K. Bruce, wife of Senator Bruce, of Mississippi, to assist at one of his New Year receptions.

No lady in that receiving line acquitted herself more graciously, was more elegantly gowned, or more accomplished in her manners, or more intellectual in her greetings of the President's guests than Mrs. Bruce. She is a handsome, modest, capable and womanly woman, her collegiate education and native abilities making her in all respects worthy to receive all the civilities due the wife of a United States Senator.

I do not remember that any one criticized President Arthur's action, though all sections were represented

on that occasion.

Education, Christian methods and fair treatment have accomplished with the savage tribes of America what the sword and injustice failed to do with them.

Their treachery and savagery seem to have been forgotten, and no such aversion is manifested toward Indians as a class as exists towards Negroes, notwithstanding the fact that Negroes have no such record of bloody retaliation for the injuries heaped upon them.

## SECOND EMANCIPATION AT HAND.

It would seem to unbiased minds that Mr. Booker T. Washington some time ago started out on the true policy



MRS. B. K. BRUCE.

for the future welfare of his people. His own innate abilities, educational attainments and moral courage make him the most eminent leader his race has ever had.

If they are wise enough to follow his teachings, imitate his imperturbability in the discharge of their duties to themselves and their country, the Negro is now born who will witness a second emancipation from the ills that have ever attended the race.

In reading both sides of the question, we are impressed by the lack of memory on the part of some of the writers who have forgotten, or chosen to ignore, the generosity of the North toward the white people of the South in educational and church matters.

I have been proud and glad to see the rebuilding of the old and the erection of new institutions of learning and churches all over the country and trust the work will continue and that all children in the land may receive all the education, industrial and mental, they desire to fit them for the responsible position of citizens of the United States; and that the day is not far distant when an educational standard will be applied to every voter in this country as a means of correcting many of the evils inseparable from universal suffrage.

MRS. JOHN A. LOGAN.

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## AFRO-AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

Yes, quite a few.

For what purpose?

For business purposes and to come up with the country.

In your own opinion how do they get along with the natives?

Fine. I never knew a native to bushwack a colored soldier except in obedience to the command of some of his superiors, and whenever colored men were bushwacked or murdered it was done as a means of war.

Did any of the colored soldiers intermarry with the native women?

Some of the enlisted men did.

Why is it that none of the officers married among the native women?

They did not think the Filipino wo-

men the equals of our American colored ladies in intellect and refinement.

Does the United States have any Filipino soldiers serving in the Philippines against the insurgents?

Yes. The last congress provided for twelve thousand regular troops of the United States army to serve in the Philippines for the period of four years.

By whom are they officered?

They are to be officered by Americans.

For what reason?

Because the Filipinos are not soldiers. They are not capable of enforcing discipline and instructing soldiers according to the American army rules and regulations.

Have any of these officers been appointed?

Yes, quite a few.

Have any colored officers been appointed?

Not that I know of.

How many officers, do you think, have been appointed?

About a hundred, I think.

Where do they come from?

Enlisted men of the white regulars, soldiers and officers of the white volunteer regiments that served in the Philippines.

Did you see that report in the Army and Navy Journal to the effect that a hundred and twenty colored officers had been appointed for the provisional scout regiments in the Philippines?

Yes, I think I saw it and I heard quite a discussion about it.

Do you believe it?

I hardly think it true.

Why?

Because had they been appointed I would have heard of some of the names as quite a number would no doubt come from my comrades with whom I served in the Philippine Islands. For some reason General Chaffee, the Division Commander in the Philippines, must pass upon the officer's application before he can receive the appointment from the President of the United States, as I have seen quite a number of such letters to a few of my friends, whom I know to be applicants.

Do you think there is any prejudice in the army circles against colored officers?

I don't know, I have heard other officers say so. During my service in the army I never met any American white officer who did not accord to me every right that I would seek as an officer so far as I know. Every man is possessed of some prejudice. As for myself, I have shunned some officers and I guess many have shunned me.

Do you think they will appoint any colored officers?

Yes, I think they will for many reasons. The War Department can see as far as I can and farther, I am sure. To place some colored officers over the Philippine scouts will guarantee to the Filipinos that the American government is not prejudiced against them and will give them a chance to ascend to official rank in their regiments themselves as soon as they shall have become proficient. They will have no reason to doubt it when colored officers are serving over them.

Do you think they would serve under colored officers?

Yes, certainly. Any soldier will serve under a colored officer if he is not a soldier he won't serve under any officer.

Are you an applicant for an appointment in the scout regiments?

Well, the counsel for the accused always objects to leading questions on the part of the prosecuting attorney?

Well, Captain, do you think the colored soldiers are any braver under fire

than white soldiers?

Why, no, I have seen both under fire from the enemy and I never saw where one was any braver than the other, in fact all Americans are brave, let them be volunteers, white or black regulars, union or confederates.

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